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18 May 1957

1. Bob Amory called to ask if I would participate in a Briefing for Mr. Dearborn who is taking Bill Jackson's place as a Special Assistant to the President. I agreed. He said that he would notify me of the exact time but that it probably would be about 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 21st.

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2. [REDACTED] dropped by prior to his departure for Norfolk for three or four days to visit his mother. He said he had heard that there would be an ad hoc meeting of a small group after the regular meeting of the National Security Council next week to discuss the proposed legislation concerning communications reciprocity. He suggested that the Director be advised of this and, if possible, arrange to attend the meeting.

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4. [REDACTED] also reported that of the 106 people he had assigned to Project [REDACTED] he expected to have 95 of them assigned to other places by the 15th of June. There are about eight men and five women who are not usable, however, and we may have to get rid of them.

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5. During our conversation [REDACTED] also told me that he had 95 full time people on his own table of organization in support of Project AQUATONE, and, in addition, some people who were working part time.

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6. [REDACTED] telephoned about the proposed assignment of [REDACTED] as the Deputy Chief of Administration in his Division. He said that while he had given

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██████████ a good Fitness Report on his departure from the SR Division where he previously served as Chief of Administration he now realized that he was wrong in doing this and did not, in fact, have a very high regard for his performance. He also said that through the grapevine it is the general understanding in the SR Division that Mr.

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██████████ has not done a very good job in ██████████. He thinks that it would be unfortunate, and a considerable loss of prestige, for ██████████ to come back into the Division at a lower grade, or at least in a job with less prestige, etc. He also wondered if it weren't possible to get him an assignment in the Contact Division or in some other location where his representational and liaison talents could be put to good use. I told him that I thought the possibility of such placement was extremely remote and that I really felt that since it had to be a forced assignment the SR Division was the logical location for ██████████ to go. He agreed and said that if this was our final decision he would, of course, abide by it without protest and make the very best he could of the situation.

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7. ██████████ also advised me that at the last meeting of the ELINT Committee ██████████ had proposed to set himself up as a Special Assistant to the Director in the same manner which ██████████ now operates. He said that the Committee members had objected almost unanimously to this and suggested that the name of the ELINT Advisory Committee be changed to ELINT Committee. Apparently this will go through.